

"Interstate communication."
47 USC 153.

SEC. 2. So much of section 3 (e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, as follows the semicolon is amended to read as follows: "but shall not, with respect to the provisions of title II of this Act, include wire or radio communication between points in the same State, Territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, through any place outside thereof, if such communication is regulated by a State commission".

SEC. 3. Section 3 (u) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"Connecting carrier."

"(u) 'Connecting carrier' means a carrier described in clauses (2), (3), or (4) of section 2 (b)."

47 USC 221(b).

SEC. 4. Section 221 (b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

47 USC 301.
State telephone service.

"(b) Subject to the provisions of section 301, nothing in this Act shall be construed to apply, or to give the Commission jurisdiction, with respect to charges, classifications, practices, services, facilities, or regulations for or in connection with wire, mobile, or point-to-point radio telephone exchange service, or any combination thereof, even though a portion of such exchange service constitutes interstate or foreign communication, in any case where such matters are subject to regulation by a State commission or by local governmental authority."

Approved April 27, 1954.

Public Law 346

CHAPTER 176

April 29, 1954
[H. R. 8539]

AN ACT

To extend the period of election under the Uniformed Services Contingency Option Act of 1953 for certain members of the uniformed services.

67 Stat. 502.
37 USC 372.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 (a) of the Uniformed Services Contingency Option Act of 1953 is amended by deleting in the third sentence the words "one hundred and eighty days" and substituting therefor the words "one year".

Approved April 29, 1954.

Public Law 347

CHAPTER 177

April 30, 1954
[H. R. 3477]

AN ACT

To extend to the Canal Zone Government and the Panama Canal Company provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to facilitate the settlement of the accounts of certain deceased civilian officers and employees of the Government", approved August 3, 1950.

Canal Zone.
Deceased government employees.
64 Stat. 396.
5 USC 61h.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (b) of section 3 of the Act of August 3, 1950 (Public Law 636, Eighty-first Congress), is amended to read as follows:

"(b) Accounts not payable under section 3 (a) (with the exception of accounts of employees of the District of Columbia which shall be paid by the District of Columbia, accounts of employees of the Canal Zone Government on the Isthmus of Panama which shall be paid by the Canal Zone Government, and accounts of employees of wholly owned and mixed-ownership Government corporations which may be paid by such corporations) shall be payable on settlement of the General Accounting Office except as the Comptroller General may by regulation otherwise authorize or direct".

SEC. 2. Section 7 of the said Act of August 3, 1950, is amended by deleting the words: "to the accounts of officers and employees of the Panama Canal and the Panama Railroad on the Isthmus of Panama, or".

5 USC 61k.

SEC. 3. This amendatory Act shall be effective two months from the date of its enactment as of which time section 84 of title 2 of the Canal Zone Code, as added by section 1 of the Act of August 10, 1949 (ch. 415, 63 Stat. 593), is repealed.

Effective date.

Approved April 30, 1954.

Public Law 348

CHAPTER 178

AN ACT

To provide for the conveyance of certain real property to the city of Saint Joseph, Michigan.

April 30, 1954
[H. R. 7402]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of General Services is authorized and directed to convey to the city of Saint Joseph, Michigan, upon payment by such city of \$3,300, all of the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to lot numbered 112 in such city, for use as a parking lot (being a portion of the property which was formerly known as the Saint Joseph Lighthouse Reservation, Michigan, and which was conditionally conveyed to such city by the Secretary of Commerce under the Act of May 28, 1935), notwithstanding any conditions or limitations imposed by section 17 or section 36 of such Act (49 Stat. 307, 311), or by the deed of conveyance issued thereunder.

Saint Joseph,
Mich.

Conveyance.

Approved April 30, 1954.

Public Law 349

CHAPTER 180

AN ACT

To establish limitations on the numbers of officers who may serve in various commissioned grades in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, and for other purposes.

May 5, 1954
[H. R. 7103]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Officer Grade Limitation Act of 1954".

Officer Grade
Limitation Act of
1954.

TITLE I—ARMY

SEC. 101. The number of commissioned officers on active duty in the Army in each of the following grades on the last day of each fiscal year when compared to the total number of commissioned officers on active duty in the Army authorized by the Secretary of the Army (exclusive of Reserve officers on active duty for training purposes only, and officers serving with other departments or agencies of the Government on a reimbursable basis) shall not exceed the numbers which are set forth in the following table:

Commissioned
officers.